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Art Group: 3738

Title: STENT HAVING DISCONTINUOUS COATING IN THE FORM OF
COATING ISLANDS

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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

This Office Action Response is filed in response to the action of 18 December, 2002, so no extension fee is due. No fees are believed to be due for excess claims. Please charge Deposit Account 15-0450 for any fee deficiency.

This response is made in the format of the proposed 37 CFR 1.121, as allowed by the Official Gazette announcement of 31 January 2003.

The response has the following parts:

Amendments to the Specification - none made;

Amendments to the Claims - beginning on page 2;

Amendments to the Drawings - none made; and

Remarks - beginning on page 5.